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## Crete Man Sentenced to 6 Years in Prison for Possession of Child Pornography

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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announced that Jay Gerald Stinson, 47, of Crete, Nebraska., was sentenced on May 25, 2011, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to 72 months in prison by United States District Judge Richard G. Kopf, for possessing images of child pornography. Stinson was also ordered to remain on supervised release for five years following completion of his prison sentence.

In the early months of 2010 while conducting an undercover operation, investigators of the Nebraska State Patrol and the Nebraska Attorney General's Office were monitoring file sharing software which allows users to download child pornography. The investigators were able to identify the Internet Protocol (IP) address for the computer sharing the child pornography and the IP provider identified Stinson as the subscriber. Investigators then executed a search warrant at Stinton's residence. Examination of the computers found in the Stinson residence revealed over 1000 digital images and videos of child pornography saved on the computer.

On March 1, 2011, Stinson pled guilty to one count of the indictment charging him with possession of child pornography. Stinson also consented to forfeiture of his computers and related equipment.

This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006 by the Department of Justice. Led by United States Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division's Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.